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A HIGH THROUGHPUT BIOLOGICAL HEART RATE THAT For:

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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action issued September 23, 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 23, 2003 Office Action is due December 23, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.